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SRI K. PARTHASARATHY (on behalf of Sri A. Muthuswami): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state when the Sub-Registrar's Office, proposed to be opened under Part II Scheme, will be opened in Manalurpettai in Tirukoyilur taluk?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The proposal to open a Registry office at Manalurpet was considered as a Part II Scheme for 1955–56, but was deferred."

Buses for the Avadi Congress Session

* 1803 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether and if so, how many Government buses operating in the City of Madras and in the mufassal were taken away from their usual route in connection with the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any remuneration from Indian National Congress for the diversion of Government buses;

(*c*) whether any of the private operators' buses from the mufassal were diverted for the same purpose and, if so, how many and from which district; and

(*d*) whether any remuneration was given to these private operators or any payment of remuneration arranged with the Indian National Congress by the Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Government buses were not taken away from the usual routes in the City or mufassal to meet the traffic between Madras and Avadi. However, two of the spare buses of the Government Transport plied between Egmore and Avadi on the first day of the open session of the Indian National Congress to meet the rush of traffic to Avadi. They performed only one trip each. On other days, no bus of Government Transport ran between Madras and Avadi.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Two hundred and three buses run by private operators in the mufassal were diverted to provide transport facilities between Madras and Avadi in connection with the All-India Congress Session held at Avadi in January 1955. The buses were diverted from the routes in Salem, Tanjore, North Arcot, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore and South Arcot districts.

" (*d*) No, Sir. Private operators came forward to put their buses on the route Madras to Avadi for conveying passengers to the Congress Session and temporary permits were issued to

those buses. A fare of eight annas per passenger, as fixed by Government, for a single trip from Madras to Avadi was charged by these buses."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, whereas more than 200 buses were diverted from the mufassal to the City of Madras for the Indian National Congress Session, is it not a fact that because of this diversion of buses from their scheduled routes there was dislocation of traffic in the various districts. What alternative arrangements did the private owners make or what help did the Government sender to those people who were put to diffculties? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Government are quite satisfied that public interest did not suffer by this arrangement."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question 1807."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" On a point of order, Sir. The last question answered was 1803 and we are now in 1807. I do not know what happened to the intervening questions and whether there is misappropriation of questions in our Secretariat."

MR. SPEAKER :—" They may be short notice questions and would have been answered earlier."

Closure of aided adult night schools

* 1807 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided night schools for adults closed during this year because of the stoppage of grant ; and

(*b*) the amount saved thereby?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) One thousand three hundred and eighty-four schools.

" (*b*) Rs. 85,394 for the period from 1st October to 31st December 1954."

9-10 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know the reason why these night schools were closed? What is the view of the Government as far as the night schools are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have explained this in detail during the budget debate. In the place of these adult schools, we have as a matter of fact opened 1,650 schools under the new scheme of adult education in the National Extension and Community Project areas."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the new institutions that have been said to be opened instead of the old night schools are institutions were pupils aged